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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/08

SPONSOR Gardner LAST UPDATED _____ HB 552

SHORT TITLE NM Junior College Athletic Program SB _____

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$888.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Higher Education – HED
New Mexico Junior College - NMJC

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 552 appropriates eight hundred eighty eight thousand dollars (\$888,000) from the General Fund to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2009 for athletic programs at New Mexico Junior College. New Mexico Junior College offers nine (9) collegiate sports for both men and women, The Institution has competed in the Division I National Junior College Athletic Association for 41 years.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The HED’s evaluation table of FY09 Research and Public Service Projects provided to the LFC classifies this project as a “does not fit within HED priorities for Higher Education” project. Reasons for this classification decision are not provided. (LFC Report 07-20, Higher Education Department Review of Selected Research and Public Service Projects, January 12, 2008, Table 4, p74.)

HED states:

NMJC supplements a significant amount of their athletic operating budget from transfers out of Instruction and General. (These funds are commonly called I&G funds, which fund ongoing costs and operations.)

A request was submitted by NMJC in the amount of \$1,077,176 to the NMHED for review, an increase to base funding of over \$1,000,000. The HED funding recommendation for FY09 is a continuance of FY08 recurring funding which includes the appropriation straight to NMJC in the amount of \$41,900 as well as athletic funding that is a flow-thru appropriation through NMHED in the amount of \$100,000

The appropriation of eight hundred eighty eight thousand dollars (\$888,000) contained in this Bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund.. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2009 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HED states:

New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) has offered athletic programs for over forty years. NMJC's athletic program is part of the mission statement and strategic plan for the college, and focuses on building student athletic ability at the same time students move through their educational programs. The athletic programs offered at NMJC include men's and women's sports such as basketball, rodeo, athletic training, track, and golf.

According to the NMJC Research & Public Service Projects, NMJC is requesting the full funding recommended in the Formula Enhancement Task Force recommendations.

NMJC notes:

New Mexico Junior College has a 41 year history of competing in intercollegiate athletics. During the 2006-2007 Academic year, NMJC claimed 7 individual National Championships and was crowned as the National Junior College Runner-up Champion in Baseball. In 2005, the NMJC Baseball Team beat Florida in the final game of the JUCO World Series to win the National Junior College Baseball Championship. Currently, the college offers the following sports: Women's Basketball, Men' Basketball, Women's Cross Country, Women's Indoor Track, Women's Outdoor Track, Men's Golf, Women's Rodeo, Men's Rodeo, and Men's Baseball. New Mexico Junior College has produced great student/athletes for many years, and boasts an array of Academic All-Americans and Athletic All-Americans that have competed at the university or professional athletic level.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB552 is related to HB481 with a difference in requested amounts (\$888.0 and \$100.0 respectively).

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